Concrete Committee Webinars - Frontiers of Concrete Technology (FCT)

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The Concrete Committee of the Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE) has started the international webinar series "Frontiers of Concrete Technology" (FCT) from 2021. It is intended to hold the webinar 2 or 3 times a year, and the third seminar was held in March 2022.

The seminar aims to convey Japan's cutting-edge research in concrete technology to the world. Themes are set for the seminars, and one Japanese researcher and one overseas researcher working on the selected theme are invited to deliver the lectures. The seminars provide time for a panel discussion, in which the overall history, the present status, and the future direction of that field of research are discussed.

The third seminar was held on March 9 on the theme "Simulation of concrete and reinforced concrete structures using discrete analysis models". The invited speakers were Professor Hikaru Nakamura of Nagoya University (Japan), and Professor John Bolander of University of California, Davis (U.S.). Both are distinguished researchers worldwide in the field of numerical simulation of concrete material and structures using discrete analysis models.



Seminar Flyer

The seminars can be viewed on the JSCE YouTube channel.

Third seminar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwfl7mrs7-I

The number of participants in the seminar was about 170. As it was a webinar, there were participants from throughout the world, mainly from Asia. The seminars can be viewed on the JSCE YouTube channel, and the site has over 700 views now (May 2022).

In the seminar, Prof. Bolander explained the basic concepts of concrete material and structural analyses using discrete analysis methods and how to treat concrete cracks. He also introduced the latest analyses of fiber reinforced concrete, hydration process, etc. Prof. Nakamura presented the results of simulations mainly on the structural performance for design and evaluation of deteriorated structures. In the panel discussion, they discussed the advantages of discrete analysis, which can directly represent cracks in concrete analysis, and the possibility of its future applications.

The report of the past seminars is below.

http://www.jsce.or.jp/committee/concrete/e/newsletter/newsletter63/Newsletter63 files/FCT.pdf

YouTube channel.

First seminar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP65Dudd6tk
Second seminar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArU-x-oyGig



